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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - TWA ACCESS TO LAJES

REF: (A) LISBON 19591; (B) STATE 106883

1. DEPT AND CAB HAVE REVIEWED PORTUGUESE MEMORANDUM (REF A). WE VIEW THIS PROPOSAL AS SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS PORTUGUESE POSITION; EMBASSY IS TO BE COM-MENDED FOR RESULTS ACHIEVED TO DATE.
2. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY ASSESSMENT THAT MEMO APPEARS TO PERMIT TWO GOVERNMENTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR LEGAL POSITIONS WHILE PARTIALLY OBTAINING TWA OBJECTIVES. HOWEVER, AT THIS STAGE, WITHOUT KNOWING VALUE OF FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS TO TWA, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT HALF LOAF OFFERED BY PORTUGUESE IS BETTER THAN NOTHING. OUR CURRENT THINKING IS THAT USG
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SHOULD PERSIST IN DEMANDING FULL ACCESS TO LAJES INCLUDING FIFTH FREEDOM. WE PREFER TO DELAY RESPONSE TO MEMO FOR TIME BEING.

3. TWA CONFIRMS THAT FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS MAY BE IMPORTANT TO INSURE VIABLE US-LAJES SERVICES. TWA IS ATTEMPTING TO QUANTIFY THE VALUE OF THIS TRAFFIC AND ALSO NOTES THAT

CARGO RIGHTS ARE NOT MENTIONED IN MEMO. DEPT WOULD

APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF TWA CARGO RIGHTS TO LAJES WHICH WE ASSUME ARE INCLUDED AS WELL AS PASSENGERS. EMB. MAY ALSO INFORM PORTUGUESE THAT PRELIMINARY USG POSITION IS THAT FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF US-LAJES SERVICE AND THAT DENIAL OF FIFTH FREEDOM APPEARS UNWARRANTED.

4. CONTRARY TO PRIOR UNDERSTANDING BASED ON 1975 DATA (REF B), IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT PAA OPERATED THREE AFFINITY CHARTERS TO LAJES DURING 1976 AND THAT TWA HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM GOP TO OPERATE THREE CHARTERS IN 1977. TAP'S LAJES CHARTER PROGRAM BEGAN JUNE 3 AND CONSISTS OF FIVE FLIGHTS FROM BOSTON AND FOUR FROM SAN FRANCISCO. TWA WILL OPERATE AT LEAST ONE OF THESE FLIGHTS FOR TAP.

5. IN LIGHT OF GOP RECIPROCITY ON CHARTERS, CAB HAS LITTLE BASIS ON WHICH TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST TAP APPLICATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO MOVE AGAINST CHARTERS TO RESOLVE A SCHEDULED SERVICE ISSUE BEFORE USING OTHER MORE APPROPRIATE RETALIATORY TOOLS SUCH AS REQUIRING TAP TO FILE SCHEDULES AND MAKING ISSUE OF MAINTAINING TAP SCHEDULES BECAUSE OF PORTUGUESE DENIAL OF FULL RIGHTS FOR VIABLE LAJES SERVICE TO TWA. IT IS APPARENT THEREFORE THAT ANY RETALIATION AGAINST TAP IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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